

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF RAIL AND TRANSIT**

CONFERENCE REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: July 17, 2013

LOCATION OF MEETING: NHDOT – Franconia Notch Conference Room – RM 205

PARTICIPANTS:

Scott Bogle, Rockingham Planning Commission
Nik Coates, Central NH Planning Commission
Regina Flynn, NH Department of Health and Human Services
Sally Gunn, NHDOT Traffic Bureau
Larry Keniston, NHDOT Rail and Transit
Dave Topham, Bike-Walk Alliance of NH

SUBJECT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BPTAC)

NOTES ON MEETING:

- Desirability of a 10-Year Plan for bicycle and pedestrian projects. A bicycle and pedestrian projects inventory would give communities additional weight that they could cite toward writing successful grant applications.
- Establishing bicycle and pedestrian counter program: House equipment and CNHRPC or BWANH. Funder may be willing to donate toward equipment and staff time. Potential vandalism to equipment concern was raised.
- Private funder has committed \$100,000.00.
- Ashland has a bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee.
- BPTAC needs effective way to keep up to date with the paving schedule. Need to get the word out to the right people. Towns need sample guidance of how to request special striping considerations
- Encourage people not to drive reduces the need for expensive infrastructure. BWANH pursuing 6 representatives toward legislation regarding complete streets
- DOT funds: Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. Subcommittee (5) to scope plan concrete goals to which the State can aspire. Policies, standards, vision. Young and old giving up cars – “perfect storm”

- Public outreach meetings around State; Portsmouth listens process; New Hampshire Listens process. What do we value in the community; honest process. Study circles vs. regional transportation about transportation on bike and foot.
- Economic impact Study (6) – Steve Dubois is interested; DOT said yes, we have funding
- Funder wants one-pager showing desired outcomes
- Funding anticipated – Bike maps. Google maps – public process Cue sheets vs. top-down approach; function of a map 5 years from now. VAT just did a revision of bike maps. QR code on printed maps; DRED should be involved (Dave T.)
- Planned biannual conference work session Highlight work, let people know what you are doing,
- not a huge conference with plenary speakers or certified event planner
- Dave: Incident reporting from 3 years ago
- Survey for selecting chair/vice chair
- Get Nate Miller involved in signage
- How much staff support would be available? Resource to that committee/subcommittee. Looking to staff for support, direction. Role of chair/vice chair: communicating with members, having agenda ready for each member.
- Scott Bogle will provide Nik with structure/form for the Excel spreadsheet

Next BPTAC Meeting: August 21, 1-3 pm, at DOT